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## Public Comment Sought on Proposed NPDES General Permits 8 and 9

*From the DNR Water Quality Listserv, February 12, 2018*

This article includes pertinent information for public water supply systems.

“The DNR is seeking public comment on proposed rules that will create two new general permits. The permits cover a variety of wastewater discharges to Iowa soils and streams.

The DNR will hold three public hearings across the state in March. DNR will present the latest information about proposed new requirements and take comments orally or in writing.

DNR plans to issue two new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits known as General Permit #8 (GP8) and General Permit #9 (GP9). GP8 allows for discharges of hydrostatic test water (water used to test the integrity of a pipe or tank), underground storage tank ballast water (water used to weight a tank to facilitate underground installation), and water associated with installation, repair, and replacement of potable water lines. GP9 allows for discharges from dewatering associated with construction and small residential geothermal heating and cooling systems.

The DNR is proposing to include eligibility criteria and Best Management Practices. These will ensure that discharges will comply with water quality standards. Most permittees will be automatically authorized to discharge. Only a few higher-risk dischargers will need to submit a Notice of Intent. There is no fee for GP8 or GP9.

The public is invited to attend the hearings:

1. Wednesday, Mar. 7, 4 p.m. at the Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St., Coralville.
2. Thursday, Mar. 8, 4 p.m. at the Harlan Public Library, 718 Court St., Harlan.
3. Wednesday, Mar. 14, 4 p.m. at the Urbandale Public Library, 3520 86th St., Urbandale.

People may also file written comments on the proposed rulemaking on or before midnight on March 19th. Written comments or questions regarding the proposed rulemaking should be directed to Wendy Hieb, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, NPDES Section, 502 E. Ninth St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309-0034; via fax at 515-725-8202; or via email at [wendy.hieb@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:wendy.hieb@dnr.iowa.gov).

More information can be found on the [DNR's NPDES General Permits website](#)"

## Consumer Confidence Report Information

It's time for the community water supply systems to prepare their Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the calendar year 2017. The individual system data will be sent by DNR-Water Supply Operations staff by March 15th.

EPA is offering two webinars on the CCR.

"EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water invites you to a free webinar series on the Consumer Confidence Report rule. EPA will be hosting a two-part webinar series for the Federal Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) rule.

The first will provide an overview of the CCR rule requirements and discuss approaches to electronically deliver the CCR. In addition, the webinar will provide best practices and tools that can be used to help develop the CCR.

The second webinar in the series will provide a more in-depth discussion of specific drinking water regulations reporting requirements under the CCR. Examples of rules presented in this webinar include: Lead and Copper Rule, Revised Total Coliform Rule, and Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule.

### **Part 1: Consumer Confidence Rule - Overview, Electronic Delivery, And Best Practices**

March 8, 2018, 1-2 pm CST, [Registration](#)

### **Part 2: Focus on the Consumer Confidence Report Contaminant Table**

April 12, 2018, 12:30-1:30 pm CDT, [Registration](#) "

## IDNR WS Staff Speaking Engagements

Iowa DNR staff in the water supply program areas are scheduled to speak at the following events. The date, sponsor and event, location, subject, and contact for more information are listed.

- February 28, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Ventura. [Website for this free workshop](#); registration is required.
- March 7-8, 2018, IAMU Advanced Water Workshops, Ankeny, “IDNR WS Update.” [Website](#) for brochure and registration.
- March 14, 2018, IA-AWWA Region 5 Water Operator Conference, Newton, “IDNR WS Update.” [Website](#) for brochure.
- March 14, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Manchester. [Website](#) for this free workshop; registration is required.
- March 15, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Washington. [Website](#) for this free workshop; registration is required.
- March 21, 2018, IA-AWWA Region 6 Water Operator Conference, Washington, “IDNR WS Update; Operator Certification.” [Website](#) for more information.
- March 28, 2018, IA-AWWA Region 4 Water Operator Conference, Atlantic, “IDNR WS Update.” [Website](#) for brochure.
- April 9-10, 2018, IA-AWWA Spring Short Course Workshop, Ankeny, “IDNR WS Update.” [Website](#) for brochure and registration.
- April 18, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Cherokee. [Website](#) for this free workshop; registration is required.
- April 24, 2018, IRWA Ammonia & Disinfection in Drinking Water, Oakland. [Website](#) for this free workshop; registration is required.

For other professional development opportunities, see the “Training Calendar” at [programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/](http://programs.iowadnr.gov/opcertweb/).